

OKLAHOMA MEMBERS RANK HIGH

Chickasha Citizen Back from Trip to
National Capital, Passes Out Bouquets
to Congressmen; Places Scott
Ferris Among Biggest Men

PREDICTS RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Finds Abundant Evidences of Prosperity
Along Route; Declares Lawton States-
man in Line for Speakership
if Clark Drops Out

Judge N. M. Williams who recently
returned from a pleasant trip of com-
bined business and pleasure to the
nation's capital, when seen by an Ex-
press reporter this morning stated that
he had enjoyed his trip hugely.

"I went to Washington," said Judge
Williams, "by way of Boston, New
York and other eastern cities.

"A general air of prosperity was to
be seen everywhere. I might say, an
unprecedented air of prosperity was to
be met with on every hand. The mer-
chant and the professional man were
alike, it seemed, busy and were also
alike well satisfied with the results
of their being busy."

Judge Williams, owing to rush of
business and the limited time which
he allowed himself in Washington, did
not avail himself of the opportunity
which was afforded him of calling
upon President Wilson.

However, Judge Williams spent a
part of his time with different mem-
bers of the Oklahoma delegation in
congress and expresses himself as
feeling highly pleased with the stand-
ing of this delegation, taken as a
whole.

"There is not a state in this union,"
said the judge, speaking in this con-
nection, "which has a delegation in
the halls of the national legislature
standing higher, or even as high as
does the delegation from this great
new state. Taken as a body, the
Oklahoma delegation shows a per-
centage of statesmanship far above the
average. Taken separately, we find
some of the strongest men composing
the present congress, in both houses,
belong to the Oklahoma delegation."

"I was pleased to note," continued
Judge Williams, "that our own mem-
ber, Scott Ferris, ranks along with
the best and strongest members of the
present congress. Congressman Ferris
has been in the nation's legislative
halls at Washington until he has an
acquaintance which is proving most
valuable to himself individually, as
well as proving to be no mean asset
to our folks back home." He is the
chairman of one of the strongest and
hardest worked and working com-
mittees of the house.

"To show you just how Scott Fer-
ris stands," said Judge Williams with
a marked degree of enthusiasm, "I will
say that I found a good part of the
opinion of his congressional colleagues
so favorable toward him that I believe
were the present speaker of the house,
Champ Clark of Missouri to die to-
morrow, Scott Ferris, the idol of Okla-
homa, would step into his shoes, both
as executive head of the lower branch
of congress and as leader of the great
national democracy in the political
battles now being waged at the capital
of the United States."

Reverting to the prosperous condi-
tions of the country, as seen in the
eastern portions of the country, Judge
Williams mentioned the bustle and
bustle which was in evidence on
every hand. "From Indianapolis to
Pittsburgh," said the judge, "night
was turned into day by the constant
glare from the coke ovens and by the
blinding flashes which leaped from
hundreds and thousands of blast fur-
naces along the line of railway over
which I traveled."

Judge Williams stated that in his
opinion based upon interviews with
those with whom he was thrown in
contact at different points along his
journey's route, Woodrow Wilson
would not only walk away with the
nomination of the democracy for pres-
ident of the United States, succeed-
ing himself, but that he now had the
election "grabbed and gone with."

While in Washington Judge Wil-
liams called upon his old friend, Post-
master General Burleson, General

Burleson and Judge Williams are
graduates of the same school, the
Texas State university.

General Burleson, Judge Williams
said, is one of the hardest workers
in the entire hard-working family of
national servants gathered together by
President Wilson. He is almost ab-
normally scrupulous, the judge stated
in his adherence to the performance
of all things which he considers to be
a part of his official duties.

"Yes," concluded Judge Williams, "I
feel that Oklahoma has a safe and sane
representation in both branches of
congress and I feel and believe that
the affairs of the nation could under
no conceivable circumstances be in
better hands than now—the hands of
President Woodrow Wilson."

WRIGHT IS DECLARED NOT GUILTY

Jury Renders Verdict After Deliberating
Nineteen Hours; Hugh Pope Murder
Case is Called and Selection
of Jury is Started

Following a deliberation covering
nineteen hours' time, the jury in the
case of the State of Oklahoma vs. A.
B. Wright, charged with a statutory
offense, returned a verdict of "not
guilty."

This case after occupying the at-
tention of the court for two full days,
was given to the jury for considera-
tion at 4:45 o'clock yesterday after-
noon. At 11:45 o'clock this morning
the jury filed into court and reported
that a verdict had been found. Judge
Linn ordered the defendant and his
attorneys together with the county at-
torney, be brought into court. Fol-
lowing this the jury was called by the
clerk, each juror answering to his
name.

E. M. Hutchinson, foreman, passed
the verdict to the court. The verdict,
read by the deputy court clerk, found
the "defendant not guilty as charged
in the information."

Thanking the jurors for the patience
with which they had tried this case,
Judge Linn ordered a recess until 1:30
o'clock this afternoon, dismissing the
panel of jurors until that time.

With the convening of court this
morning the matter of the state of Ok-
lahoma vs. Henry Clay, charged with
purloining flour from the Moore
Grain company, was called and reset
for February 4.

The case of the State of Okla-
homa vs. S. L. Hanby, charged with as-
saulting to commit bodily harm, was
ordered dismissed on account of failure
of the prosecution witness to ap-
pear.

The matter of the State of Okla-
homa vs. Hugh Pope, charged with kill-
ing a companion named Chitwood in
Minco a number of months ago, was
then called. The impaneled jury
occupied the attention of the court
and the attorneys throughout the
remainder of the morning session up
to 11:30 o'clock, at which time the
regular panel on hand being exhausted
court recessed until 1:30 o'clock this
afternoon. The court instructed the
court clerk and the sheriff to draw the
names of twenty additional jurors from
the jury box, the sheriff to notify those
whose names were drawn to appear in
court at the beginning of the afternoon
session.

PAVING TAX DECISION IS
TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

Attorney Alger Melton, who return-
ed from Oklahoma City last evening
stated that all arguments in the mat-
ter of a new trial in the Chickasha
paving-tax cases had been completed
by the attorneys and that the case
had been taken under advisement by
the court. At just what time a deci-
sion may be expected Mr. Melton could
not state.

WEATHER FORECAST.
For Oklahoma.

Tuesday, rain or snow, colder; cold
wave with temperature 18 to 24 de-
grees.

Thursday, cloudy, colder; snow in
east portion.

Local Temperature.

Minimum, 60 degrees.

Maximum, 35 degrees.

PROBING DEATH OF HIEBING

Investigation is Begun by Coroner's Jury
Before Justice Moore; Body is Viewed
and Testimony of Officers and
Others Taken

HEARING WILL BE FINISHED FRIDAY

Deceased Delivered to County Jail Sunday
Night; Pockets Searched and Knife
and Matches Secured; Near Death
When Discovered by Dryden

The hearing of evidence by a cor-
oner's jury in the matter of investigat-
ing the death of John Hiebing, was
taken up before Judge T. P. Moore
this morning. The jury of investiga-
tion is composed of the following citi-
zens of Chickasha: H. D. Gunneis,
Joe Lindsey, William Frazier, Ernest
Peery, Oatley Anderson and T. Y.
Moore.

The investigation begun at 9 o'clock
this morning when the jury, after hav-
ing been sworn, visited the undertak-
ing rooms of Claycomb and Anderson
and viewed the body of the dead man.

Dr. Emanuel, Officer Bob Boles,
Jailer Dryden, Deputy Sheriff D. Ar-
thur Wilson, Bud Gibbs, Sid Anderson
and Dr. Thrallkill had been summoned
to appear before the jury as witnesses.

The evidence showed that John
Hiebing had been turned over to the
county authorities Sunday night,
shortly before midnight; that he had
been searched with the view of remov-
ing from his pockets anything with
which he might have been able to
harm himself; that a double handful of
different articles, including his knife
and some matches, had been removed
from his pockets; that he was after-
ward confined in the insane cell; that
this cell was poorly ventilated; that
deceased raved and hollered at dif-
ferent times through Sunday night;
that he did the same throughout a por-
tion of Monday night; that he told
Jailer Dryden he would "get out of
there and kill him and everybody be-
tween here and Chickasha avenue;"
that Jailer Dryden found smoke com-
ing from over the transom of the
wooden door leading into the room
wherein was located the cell or cage in
which Hiebing was confined; that the
jailer called Bud Gibbs and the jailer
dragged the body from the cell; that
investigation showed the dead man had
fired the grass or hair carpet and
smothered, or attempted to smother
the fire with his blankets; that a
great deal of difficulty was experi-
enced in fitting the key into the lock of
the door of the cage; that the man was
thought to have "gassed once" when
dragged from the cell; that Gibbs
bathed his face with water; that he
was dead when dragged from the cell;
that had a pulmotor have been used it
was barely possible life might have
been restored; that the medical pro-
fession always deemed there may be
a hope for life in cases of drowning or
asphyxiation; that no physician had
been called; that the physician who
was called to the home of Hiebing on
Sunday night did not give an opti-
mistic relief; that the man had evi-
dently been mildly insane for a year
or more; that when Dr. Thrallkill ar-
rived at the Hiebing home Sunday
night he found Hiebing suffering from
acute mania; that in the honest opin-
ion of the doctor this would have
caused Hiebing's death within a very
short time; that Hiebing had said he
came to Chickasha from Mena, Ark.,
about three months ago; that the con-
dition of the brain of the deceased
made him more susceptible to death
from asphyxiation than would have
been the case had he have been nor-
mally mentally; that it was not the cus-
tom to give insane patients opiates;
that the deceased had talked wildly
to Dr. Thrallkill on Sunday night and
imagined he was being pursued by
those bent upon his destruction.

Following the examination of Dr.
Thrallkill the jury asked that John
Bennet of Rush Springs be summoned
as a witness and pending his arrival
adjourned the hearing until 2 o'clock

CRUDE OIL UP AGAIN

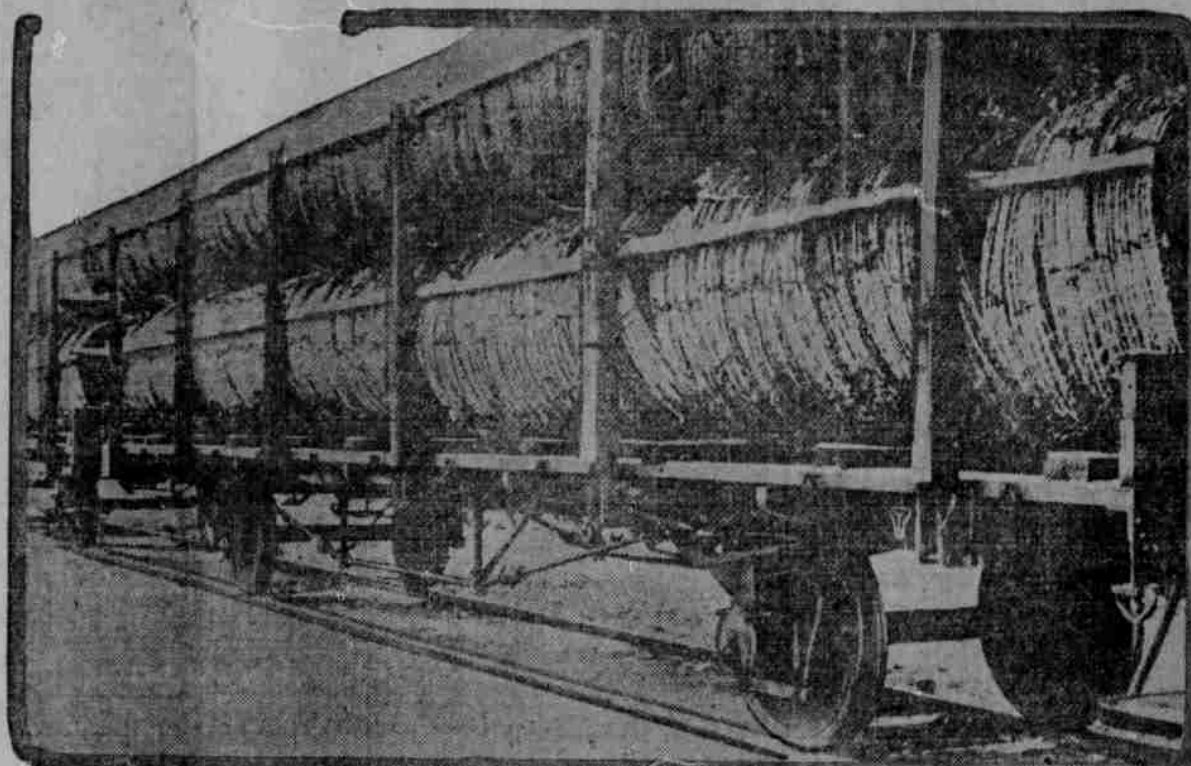
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GERMAN BARBED WIRE BEING SHIPPED TO THE FRONT



Although there have been many appliances put into use since the outbreak of the war to cut through barbed wire, nothing has yet been invented to equal the wire with the barbs as a means of retarding the progress of an army. The photograph shows freight cars burdened down with rolls of barbed wire being shipped by Germany to the front.

LAST WORD IS SENT BY SECRETARY

Final Proposals for Settlement of Lusitania
Case Delivered and Reply of Berlin
Awaited; Matter Near Adjust-
ment Says Bernstorff

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Sec-
retary Lansing today delivered to Am-
bassador Bernstorff for transmission
to Berlin the final American proposals
for the settlement of the Lusitania
case.

It is understood that the note set
forth in unequivocal terms that Ger-
many must admit the illegality of the
sinking of the Lusitania, with the loss
of a hundred American lives. Nothing
further will be done until Berlin is
heard from.

"The matter is practically settled,"
said Ambassador Bernstorff, following
a new conference with Secretary Lan-
sing in regard to the Lusitania con-
troversy.

"It is only a question of words and
it ought to be settled within a few
days," the German diplomat added. He
said he would communicate with his
government today.

Semi-official predictions preceding
the conference today were that Ger-
many and the United States would get
together on the question by the end
of the week, "no matter what demands
the United States may make."

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FLOWERS FOR PUBLIC BUILDING GROUNDS HERE

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—
The grounds of the public
buildings at Chickasha, Okla.,
will be beautified.
The treasury department to-
day invited bids from florists
for landscape improvements on
the building site there.

IN DANGER TILL VILLA IS CAPTURED

By United Press.
EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 26.—The slow
progress of the Carranza government
in its campaign for the capture of Vil-
la is causing dissatisfaction among the
refugees who have arrived here from
Mexico.

The refugees confirm reports of the
killing of five Americans by Villista
bands a month ago. Hundreds of
Americans and other foreigners who
are still in Northern Mexico are not
considered safe till Villa and his
bandit bands are exterminated.

English to Collect Damages.

By United Press.
LONDON, Jan. 26.—By Mail.—The
foreign office is accumulating com-
plaints regarding seizure of British
property in Mexico, it was learned to-
day, for presentation to the Carranza
government. The Inter-Oceanic rail-
way of Mexico has asked the govern-
ment to find out when it can have
back its lines. At the annual meeting
of directors, Chairman Arthur Hill re-
ported that the road was commandeered
by the "government of Mexico" in
1914 and that he had no knowledge
of its condition. The Guncyle Rubber
company, whose properties were also
commandeered in 1914, has lodged a
protest with the foreign office.

BULLARD'S AND TERRELL'S MOVE

W. C. Bullard, dry goods and ladies'
ready to wear garments, and Terrill
Brothers, gentlemen's clothing and
haberdashery, have completed the job
of "swapping" locations. Terrill Broth-
ers have moved into the quarters for-
merly occupied by W. C. Bullard at
216 Chickasha avenue, while Bullard
has moved into the store formerly oc-
cupied by Terrill Brothers at 220
Chickasha. On drays and furniture
vans the store fixtures of the two es-
tablishments changed quarters, while
able bodied negroes "toted" the dry
goods, the dress goods, the other kinds

GERMAN DIPLOMAT HONORED

Ambassador Bernstorff and Other Repre-
sentatives of Central Powers With
Neutrals, Guests at Second Din-
ner at White House Tonight

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—
President and Mrs. Wilson this even-
ing will entertain Count Johann von
Bernstorff, ambassador from Ger-
many; representatives of the other
central powers and ambassadors and
ministers from a number of neutral
countries. The dinner is the second
of the two diplomatic dinners, instead
of the single dinner usually tendered
all the diplomats, made necessary this
year on account of the war.

The German ambassador, being next
in rank in the diplomatic corps to Am-
bassador Jusserand, of France, to
whom the first dinner was tendered,
will be the guest of honor, accompa-
nying Mrs. Wilson in to dinner and be-
ing seated at her right at table. Am-
bassador von Bernstorff will meet
the new White house mistress for the
first time. It also will be the first
occasion of his meeting President
Wilson since this country has been
plunged into various crises with the
central powers.

Countess von Bernstorff is not now
in Washington and hence will not be
present at the function tonight. Am-
bassador A. Rittstern Bey of Turkey
also is absent and Abdul Hussein Bey,
the Turkish charge and Madame Hus-
sein Bey will attend in place of the
ambassador. Baron Erich Zwiadinek,
charge d'affaires of Austria-Hungary,
pending the naming of a successor to
Ambassador Dumba, whose recall was
asked by this country, will represent
his country at the dinner. Countess
Zwiadinek is not in Washington.
Stephen Panaretoff, the Bulgarian en-
voy and Mrs. Panaretoff will represent
the fourth of the central powers at
the dinner.

FATTEN MOOSE FOR BIG KILLING

By United Press.
DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 26.—"The Bull
Moose is being fattened on kind words
for a grand killing in June, when the
great political pugilists will jump into
the ring and pull his hat out."

That was the way H. F. McGregor,
republican national committeeman for
Texas, sized up the Progressive-Repub-
lican situation here today. McGregor
was here with Phil M. Blair of Paris,
chairman of the Republican state ex-
ecutive committee and other leaders
who were conferring in regard to the
coming campaign.

McGregor said about two hundred
thousand Texans were "Republicans at
heart," but never visit the polls. He
is confident of getting them out this

TURK MOVE FOR PEACE REPORTED

Swiss Paper Says Financial Stress Makes
Sultan Desire Ending Strife; Sweden
May Enter Struggle; Denmark
Sure to Stay Out

BRITISH LABORERS SUPPORT GOV'T

Delegates Representing Two Million Work-
ers Adopt Resolutions by Big Majority;
Greek Cabinet Change; Germans
on Belgian Coast Shelled

By United Press.
ZURICH, Jan. 26.—Refaat Fasha,
Nebey Bey and Etienne Bey, all Turk-
ish diplomats, have arrived in Switzer-
land on a mission which has not been
disclosed.

A local newspaper, La Sulesse, as-
serts that the representatives of the
sultan have come to prepare an out-
line of Turkish peace proposals. Re-
ports state that financial troubles have
made Turkey desirous of ending the
war.

Denmark Not for War.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
LONDON, Jan. 26.—War rumblings
may disturb Sweden, but Denmark is
pretty certain to keep out of the strag-
gle. Denmark wants to keep out and
England and Germany want the same
thing.

This information was gleaned from
conversations with officials in Copen-
hagen and here. Germany could over-
run Denmark within a short time but
it would be necessary to defend the
long shore line of that country against
the landing of the allies. On the other
hand England could blockade the Dan-
ish ports and begin a starvation cam-
paign.

England Replies to U. S.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Eng-
land has made a tentative reply to
the American note which protested
against the seizure of mail between
America and neutral countries.

The state department, it is under-
stood, plans to make public both the
American note and the British reply
Friday.

Liner is Beached.

By United Press.
LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Dominion
liner Norseman, which was reported
sunk yesterday was beached. It was
reported today. There was no casual-
ties.

British Workers Meet.

By United Press.
BRISTOL, England, Jan. 26.—Strong
opposition was evinced toward the
government conscription bill when
delegates representing two million
workers met at the opening of the la-
bor conference here today, but in the
end resolutions were adopted by a
large majority pledging the laborers to
support the government.

During the early part of the meeting
marked differences of opinion were
expressed as the best method of ex-
pressing opposition to conscription.
The conference is regarded as one of
the most important in the history of
British labor unions.

New Greek Premier.

By United Press.
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 26.—A dispatch
from Budapest today says it is re-
ported at Athens that M. Gounaris,
leader of the neutrality party, will suc-
ceed Premier S. Zoumoulidis of Greece.

Allies Bombard Germans.

By United Press.
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 26.—Allied moni-
tors shelled and badly damaged the
German positions near Westende on
the Belgian coast, according to reports
received here today.

By United Press.
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26.—The Ford
permanent tribunal, minus several
members, held its first formal session
today. It was announced that the tri-
bunal would first study the causes of
the war in order to be able to approach
peace proposals with a better under-
standing of the nature of the prob-